

**Claims**

- Claim 1. A method of treating in a mammal in need thereof, which method comprises the administration to said mammal of an effective amount of a pharmaceutical composition comprising famciclovir monohydrate, and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.
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- Claim 2. The method according to Claim 1 wherein the composition is in the form of an aqueous suspension for oral administration.
- Claim 3. The method according to Claim 2 wherein the monohydrate has a purity of at least 90%.
- 10 Claim 4. The method according to claim 3 wherein the monohydrate is administered in an amount of 125 mg to 1 gm, one to three times daily.
- Claim 5. A method of prophylactic treatment of a herpes viral infection in a mammal in need thereof, which method comprises the administration to said mammal of an effective amount of a pharmaceutical composition comprising famciclovir monohydrate, and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.
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- Claim 6. The method according to Claim 5 wherein the composition is in the form of an aqueous suspension for oral administration.
- Claim 7. The method according to Claim 6 wherein the monohydrate has a purity of at least 90%.
- 20 Claim 8. The method according to claim 7 wherein the monohydrate is administered in an amount of 125mg to 1 gm, one to three times daily.